

New Store Hours for Firestone Shops

New store hours which mean shorter work hours for employees were announced this week by Firestone Auto Supply and Service Stores, according to Jim Jones, manager of the local store at Marcelina and Cravens aves.

Beginning March 28 the local Firestone store will be open from 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

NO-PARKING AREA
At her request a red no-parking zone will be painted by the city street department in front of the office of Dr. Katherine F. Slekman, chiropractor at 1307 Post ave.

daily and Sunday. Employees will henceforth work only 48 hours per week and the company will make every effort to consolidate working hours so that employees may have greater free time for leisure and home activities, Jones said.

Torrance Joined M.W.D. 10 Years Ago Today

Decade of Water District Assessments Cost \$417,227

Sometime this summer Colorado River water will become available to Torrance residents thru facilities of the Metropolitan Water District. Today is the 10th anniversary of this city's joining that District which will spend approximately \$275,000,000 to provide softened and filtered water to Torrance and 12 other cities in the District.

This municipality joined the District as result of a special election, held Feb. 21, 1931, in which only 14 percent of the registered voters participated. The vote was 317 for joining, 44 against. Former Mayor John Dennis, deceased, was the city's first director on the M.W.D. board, serving from March 17, 1931, to April 14, 1933. J. R. Jensen, deceased, served as the city's second director from April 14, 1933, to Dec. 31, 1933. He was succeeded by C. T. Rippy, who began his director duties Jan. 10, 1934, and is still in service.

According to the District's second annual report to June 30, 1940, Torrance assessments for the past decade have totaled \$417,227.92 while collections have amounted to \$403,364.64.

Largest System in World
Torrance residents have benefited from the District's payrolls to the extent of \$628,668.91, the report states.

Torrance as a member of the M.W.D. has a permanent right to its share of the water that is to be delivered to each of the District cities through the largest domestic water supply system in the world. Only cities which are

in the Metropolitan Water District will be able to share in the use of the aqueduct water. For this reason, it is pointed out, this city enjoys the tremendous advantage of being able to assure homeowners, business and industry, large and small, an ample, dependable, and permanent water supply at reasonable rates.

Recognized as one of the greatest construction jobs in the history of engineering, the Metropolitan aqueduct will deliver water from the Colorado River all the way across the state of California through a water supply system that will have an initial length of 392 miles, and a capacity of one billion gallons a day.

Crosses Vast Area
The aqueduct will have its intake on the river behind Parker Dam and from this point will extend westward across a vast desert and mountain region to the coastal plain of Southern California.

The Colorado River aqueduct is being financed by a \$220,000,000 bond issue voted by the cities of the M.W.D. ten years ago. Water will be taken from



DIRECTORS

(At left) John Dennis, this city's first M.W.D. director, 1931-33; (Above) J. R. Jensen, second Torrance director who served eight months; (At right) C. T. Rippy, who was appointed director Jan. 10, 1934.

Parker Lake by the aqueduct's intake pumping plant; the first of five pumping plants on the aqueduct. These pumping plants will be operated by electric power generated in Boulder Dam and transmitted to the pumping plants over a high voltage transmission system 237 miles long.

Nearby Reservoir
From its intake behind Parker Dam, the main line of the aqueduct will extend through 242 miles of tunnels, canals, conduits, inverted siphons and pumping plants to its principal terminal storage basin, the Calico reservoir, situated ten miles south of Riverside. From this man-made lake, which has an initial capacity of 100,000 acre

feet, the aqueduct's distributing system will deliver water to Torrance and the 12 other cities of the District through 150 miles of distributing mains.

Palos Verdes reservoir lying at the southern end of the Eagle Rock to Palos Verdes feeder line, is this city's nearest contact with the great water distribution system. It was designed to act as a flow-regulating and supply reservoir for the distribution line which will supply water to this city, Long Beach, the harbor district of Los Angeles and Compton.

This basin, which has a capacity of 1,000 acre feet or 325,800,000 gallons, lies in a small drainage basin on the northeast side of the Palos Verdes Hills,

south of Lomita. It has a water surface of 28 acres and a maximum depth of 50 feet. High water surface will be at elevation 320.

Site Is Landscaped
Water will enter and leave the reservoir thru the same pipe line, the direction of flow depending upon whether demand for water by the cities is less or greater than the supply furnished by the feeder.

District forces have installed a water tank, pump and piping for a service water system in the reservoir area; have landscaped the grounds, setting out pines, incense cedars and ice plants. Total cost of the reservoir, exclusive of right of way, was \$847,197.26.

Hospital Gets Service Rating for Standards

Torrance Memorial hospital is one of the 55 hospitals of Southern California who received from the hospital service commission of the American Hospital Association certificates of approval in recognition of standards they have maintained throughout the past year as part of a nation-wide hospital service plan.

Some 6,200,000 persons throughout the nation now place their hospital bills in the family budget by paying for them at the rate of a few cents a day.

The Southland Institutions are members of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California, one of 67 non-profit hospital service plans thruout the country. In this part of the country alone there are 31,283 enrollees, of whom 3,725 last year received hospitalization without the necessity of paying for it in a lump sum.

Issuance of the certificates was based upon such essential features as emphasis on public welfare, enlistment of public and professional interest, economic and actuarial soundness, free choice of physicians and hospitals and guarantee of service to the subscriber by the member hospitals.

Civilian Defense Meet Arranged

Mayors, police and fire chiefs of the 45 cities of the county will be asked shortly to meet with a committee of 25 persons to be named by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, to correlate county-wide plans for civilian defense work, it was announced today.

Efforts to correlate the county and Los Angeles city plans are being made, inasmuch as Los Angeles city has set up its own Major Disaster Plan. In the meantime, the state is taking steps to set up a home defense organization, which it is expected may number as many as 25,000 men, to guard the Boulder dam transmission lines, the Metropolitan aqueduct and the Owens Valley aqueduct, the system of reservoirs in connection with this domestic water supply, the flood control dams, switching stations and other strategic points in the county and state.

The major disaster committees will endeavor to anticipate in advance what to do in event the metropolitan area should be bombed, for example, with resultant hysterical mass movements of people from the congested areas. The major disaster plan was originally intended to be put into use in event of a serious earthquake.

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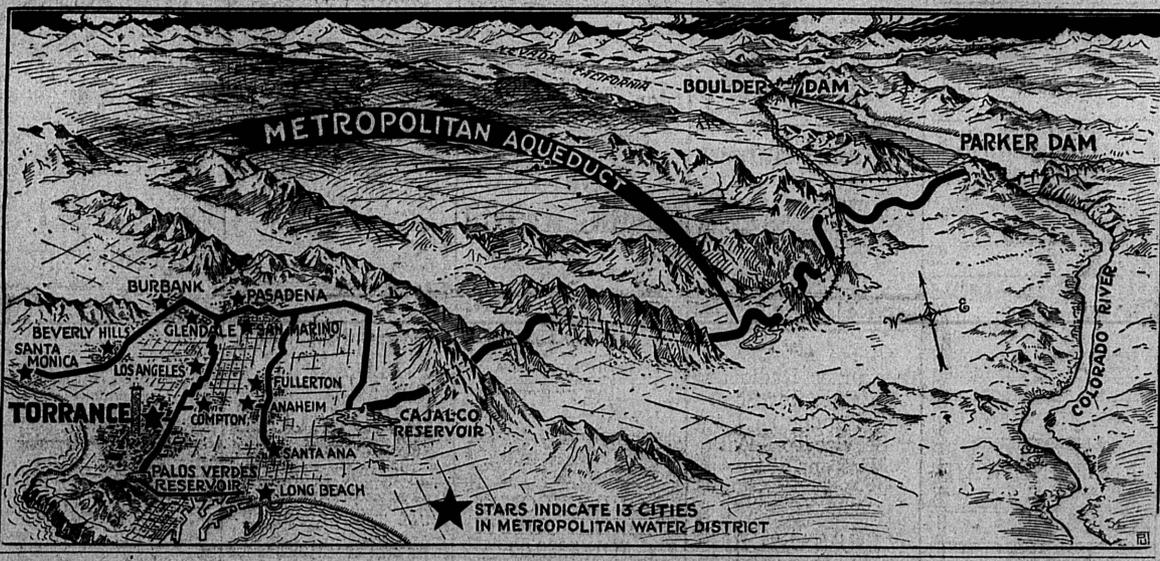


PLATE DRIVE
Effective next Sunday, State Highway Patrolmen will stop all motor vehicles displaying 1940 California license plates. Persons driving with such plates who have not applied for 1941 plates will be charged with a misdemeanor.

FLOODED CROSSING
A request of the Torrance Elementary school P.T.A. that the school crossing at 220th st. and Martina ave. be improved to prevent flooding was referred to the city engineering department by the city council Tuesday night.

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Byrd's Party Closes Books On Antarctic; Evacuate Men

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Antarctic Service, which has maintained a scientific expedition of 89 men at two bases for more than a year, has closed its log book.

Two ships are evacuating the men, as Congress refused to appropriate money for continuing the Antarctic study, headed by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd. The vessels, the Bear and the North Star, will start home this month, weather and ice conditions permitting.

The North Star will proceed to Valparaiso, Chile, and is tentatively scheduled to arrive there on March 16. It will then proceed to Seattle, Washington, its ultimate destination, and is due there about April 15.

The Bear will go to Boston by way of Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. Its tentative schedule calls for a five-day stay-over at Buenos Aires about March 19 and a similar pause at Rio beginning March 30. Arrival in Boston is scheduled April 30.

After disembarkation of the Antarctic Service's personnel at Boston and Seattle, the tedious work of preparing reports on the various phases of the expedition work will begin.

This work, according to Antarctic Service officials here, has been of great importance in supplying the world with information and data concerning the Antarctic which hitherto has been unknown.

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Townsend Club Activities

By Bath Paige

Last Friday night the program opened with a rehearsal of Townsend songs. Routine order of the evening was interspersed by the induction into office of the new secretary, Mrs. Bouldin, by Mrs. French, president of Gardena club.

A large edition of news-bulletins from the Washington "Flash" was read, creating much interest.

Our Birthday social will be held tomorrow night. All members whose birthdays occur in January, February and March will be honored.

FETE EX-LEADERS

"Past Commanders' Night" will be observed by members of Torrance American Legion Post Tuesday evening, March 18. Most of the former leaders are expected to turn out for the dinner-session. Grant Barkdull, a former commander of the post, is in charge of the dinner arrangements.

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